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IN THE ANTE-CHAMBER OF FAVOUR.—All men whom we let stand long in the ante-chamber of our favour get into a state of fermentation or become bitter.

256.

WARNING TO THE DESPISED.—When we have sunk unmistakably in the estimation of mankind we should cling tooth and nail to modesty in intercourse, or we shall betray to others that we have sunk in our own estimation as well. Cynicism in intercourse is a sign that a man, when alone, treats himself too as a dog.

257-

IGNORANCE OFTEN ENNOBLES.—With regard to the respect of those who pay respect, it is an advantage ostensibly not to understand certain things, Ignorance, too, confers privileges.

258.

THE OPPONENT OF GRACE.—The impatient and arrogant man does not care for grace, feeling it to be a corporeal, visible reproach against himself. For grace is heartfelt toleration in movement and gesture.

259.

ON SEEING AGAIN.—When old friends see each other again after a long separation, it often happens that they affect an interest in matters to which they